

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

Claims 13 and 15 are amended to proper “consisting of” language. New claim 20 derives from the “in particular” clause of claim 13, which has been canceled. New claim 21 is supported by the specification at page 4, lines 20-21. Applicants do not believe these amendments introduce any new matter.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Alt et al. (“Alt I”), US 6,767,360.

Claims 11, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Alt I and further in view of Alt et al. (“Alt II”), US 6,387,121.

Claims 1-4 rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Pacetti et al. (“Pacetti”), US 6,845,259, in view of Alt I.

In response to all three rejections, Applicants continue to submit that Alt is not prior art. Applicants have located some pieces of evidence, and are continuing to search for more, and all of the evidence will be submitted as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, Applicants request special consideration be given to new claim 21.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700

so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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